GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF HIGH CAPACITY LOCOMOTIVES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have signed contracts with foreign companies for supply of high speed locomotives for passenger and goods train;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the countries;

(c) whether the Railways are forced to import the locomotives as diesel and electric engines built with indigenous technology do not have such high load carrying capacity;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Railways for manufacturing of heavy duty locomotives in the country; and

(e) the amount likely to be spent on purchase of the above locomotives and the time by which they are likely to be supplied?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(DR. R. VELU)

(a) Yes,Sir.

(b)
(i)30 nos. of 6000 HP 25kV AC Electric Locomotives (20 Freight and 10 Passenger) had been imported from M/s ABB Transportation Systems Ltd., Switzerland in 1993 along with Transfer of Technology.

(ii)21 Nos. 4000 H.P. Diesel Electric Freight and 11 Nos. Passenger Locomotives had been imported from M/s General Motors Corporation, USA in 1995 and 1999 respectively along with Transfer of Technology.

(c) No,Sir.However,a limited number of new generation advanced technology locomotives have been imported in the past as these were more powerful and efficient and with intent of series manufacture in India thereafter.

(d) After initial import of high horse power freight and Passenger locomotives in 1990s with transfer of technology for manufacture, such locomotives are now being manufactured by Diesel Locomotive Works (DLW) & Chittaranjan Locomotives Works (CLW), production units of Indian Railways.

(e) Not applicable.